

## SWORDFISH KEPT PRICE.

### But Other Fish at Boston Took a Drop.

With 10 more fine fresh mackerel fares four big swordfish trips and plenty of fresh ground fish in 23 vessels, the T wharf dealers are in clover this morning. True they are up against a determined bunch of mackerel skippers who wouldn't sell their fine four-pound fresh mackerel at 14 cents apiece, because the fish are worth more and they are fully aware of it.

Swordfish holds up well in price, bringing 10 cents per pound. Sch. Lafayette is high with 98 fish, and schs. Mary E. Sinnett, Maud S., and Topsail Girl also have fine trips.

Of the ground fish fleet, sch. Juniata, with 76,000 pounds, has the largest fare, but they are mostly hake. Among the good trips are schs. Quonnapowitt, 38,000 pounds, sch. Josie and Phebe, 59,000 pounds; sch. Rose Dorothea, 40,000 pounds, and sch. Philip P. Manta, 37,000 pounds. Schs. Alice M. Guthrie and Benjamin F. Phillips, fares unreported, also have good catches.

Beside the market fleet, sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunskey, of the fresh halibut fleet, has a fine fare, 20,000 pounds of halibut, 40,000 pounds of fresh fish and 6000 pounds of salt fish, the halibut selling at 10 cents per pound for white and seven cents for gray.

Prices on market fish are a little low as is to be expected and no mackerel had sold up to 9.15 o'clock.

The receipts in detail are as follows:

#### Boston.

Sch. Ingomar, 10,000 large fresh mackerel, 125 bbls. salt bullseyes.  
Sch. Patrician, 8000 large fresh mackerel, 50 bbls. salt bullseyes.  
Sch. Arabia, 6000 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, 3000 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Shenandoah, 5000 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Annie Greenlaw, 6000 large fresh mackerel, 40 bbls. salt bullseyes.  
Sch. Indiana, 6000 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Pontiac, 7000 large fresh mackerel, 34 bbls. salt bullseyes.  
Sch. Georgia, 3000 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Priscilla Smith, 6000 large fresh mackerel, 2 bbls. salt bullseyes.  
Sch. Maud S., 60 swordfish.  
Sch. Topsail Girl, 90 swordfish.  
Sch. Quonnapowit, 14,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 2000 hake, 10,000 pollock.  
Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, 65 swordfish.  
Sch. Lafayette, 98 swordfish.  
Sch. Juniata, 6000 cod, 70,000 hake.  
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 8000 haddock, 13,000 cod.  
Sch. Thomas Brundage, 2000 haddock, 18,000 cod.  
Sch. Josie and Phebe, 40,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 16,000 hake.  
Sch. Leo, 9000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Athena, 26,000 haddock, 7000 cod.  
Sch. Genesta, 3500 haddock, 10,000 cod, 12,000 hake.  
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 23,000 haddock, 9000 cod.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins.  
Sch. Teazer, 6000 salt cod, 10,000 hake, 30,000 cusk, 20,000 halibut.  
Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips.  
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Seaconnet, 25,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 10,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.  
Sch. Marion, 2000 cod, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Morning Star, 2000 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Philip P. Manta, 4000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 12,000 pollock.  
Sch. Georgiana, 1000 cod, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. Emily Sears, 5000 cod, 9000 hake.  
Sch. Etta B., 2200 cod, 200 pollock.  
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie.  
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; pollock, 75c to \$1.10; hake, \$1 to \$2; swordfish, 10c per lb.; fresh mackerel, 14c offered, none sold.

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#### Halibut Sale.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Monitor sold to the New England Fish Company at 6 cents per pound right through for white and gray.

## SIX ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT.

### One Salt Banker, Two Rips Trips and Three Seiners.

A salt banker, two Rips cod fishermen and three seiners are the arrivals here since last report. The former is sch. Georgie Campbell, and considering that the craft was swept ashore by the ice in the straits of Canso early in the season and lost much valuable fishing time while on the ways repairing, Capt. Flannagan has a good catch.

Sch. Etta Mildred and sch. Eugenia, the salt Rippers, have their usual good catches.

At the Fort are the three seiners Arcadia, Moaniam and Mildred V. Nunan. They have small hauls of big fish, from 2500 to 3500 fresh large fish in count. Sch. Moaniam has her seine considerably torn.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are as follows:

#### Today's Receipts.

Sch. Georgie Campbell, salt banking, 210,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Etta Mildred, Rips, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Eugenia, Rips, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Arcadia, Rips, seining, 3500 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, Rips, seining, 2500 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Moaniam, Rips, seining, 2500 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Oriole, via Boston.  
Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Manomet, Boston.  
Sch. Speculator, seining.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.  
Sch. Constellation, seining.  
Sch. Ralph L. Hall, seining.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

Cape North fresh cod, large, \$1.55; mediums, \$1.40.

Outside sales fresh western cod, large \$2, market \$1.65; haddock 65c and 67½c.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.30 per cwt. for large; \$3.10 for mediums. Outside sales trawl bank salt cod, large, \$2.87½; mediums, \$2.62½; snappers, \$1.50.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.12½ per cwt. for large and \$2.87½ for medium.

Bank halibut, 6 cts. per pound right through.

Fresh mackerel 14 cts. each.

Salt "bullseye" mackerel, \$6.50 per bbl.

#### Board of Trade prices:

Large Western cod, \$2 per cwt.; markets, \$1.65.

Large Eastern cod, \$1.70 per cwt., market, \$1.50.

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.40 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.10.

Large "halibut" cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snappers, \$1.75.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.70 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30;

cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.87 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$2.62 1-2; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

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#### Swordfish Shares.

Sch. George H. Lubee, Capt. Maurice Lubee, stocked \$2000 on the big swordfish trip at Boston yesterday, the crew sharing \$122, thus making the best trip of the season thus far, in that line of the fishing.

The crew of the sch. Nokomis, Capt. Edward Stanley, shared \$92 on her fine swordfish fare landed at Boston yesterday.

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#### Bait at Liverpool, N. S.

A telegram to the Times this noon from Liverpool, N. S., states that the traps there are full of herring.

## CAPT. NELSON TELLS STORY OF FIRING AT TRAWLER.

### First Called on Captain of Latter Craft to Remonstrate.

### Steamer Sailed Directly Over Trawls the Next Day.

Sch. Senator Gardner, whose skipper, Capt. Vincent Nelson, fired the shot heard round the fishing world, when he let loose the broadside of his rifle at the French steam trawler which had destroyed his trawls on Quero bank recently, arrived home yesterday afternoon and immediately on his arrival the captain found himself the most-looked-for man in town.

The sturdy little skipper, quiet of mien, slow and careful of speech, whose grandfather was one of the army which took Napoleon's measure at historic Waterloo, had but little to say, but was willing to tell the story of the incident as it actually happened.

He had, after being up against it in the matter of poor fishing, struck a fine spot of fish on the eastern shoal water of Quero bank and he and his crew were working hard and profiting by their labor, when a French steam trawler put in appearance and carried off some gear in the sweep of its steam trawl.

Capt. Nelson, always a gentleman, took one of his dories and boarded the Frenchman, his idea being to talk it over with him, tell him the situation in which he was placed, and show him that he could get just as many fish by dragging clear of him as he could by crossing his trawls.

#### French Captain Was Well Posted.

He found the officer an agreeable man and to him he told his story. Imagine his surprise to find the latter so well posted that he came back at his story with the reply, "Why, you folks in Massachusetts have a steam trawler and are keeping her going without any objection, and the Nova Scotia government is subsidizing one, the Wren."

Of course Capt. Nelson explained that both were isolated cases and that neither found favor with the actual fishing interests of either country.

He told the French skipper that if he would keep about two miles clear, he would clear the fishing gear of the vessel and find just as good fishing, as they were on a fine spot of fish, whereas the craft had been coming within a mile or mile and a half every time she shot her trawl over.

The captain was courteous and passed out the cigars and chatted on general topics, and later Capt. Nelson withdrew to his own craft.

#### Destroyed More Trawls Day After the Interview.

Then the men on sch. Senator Gardner strung out their trawls and judge their surprise next day, before they had hauled, to see the steam trawler, nearer in than ever, calmly trawling over the ground right where their trawls were. It was too much for the men, and they vented their feeling in strong Anglo-Saxon expletives abjured by one of the commandments.

It also incensed Capt. Nelson, but Nelson-like, he said but little but acted. He dove down below and brought up his rifle and he loaded it—also he fired it, five or six times, at the French marauder.

He did not hurt anybody or damage the craft but he had the satisfaction of seeing her change course quickly and get out of the way and out of range—and she never came back any more.

Capt. Nelson says he cannot remember her name, although he has it down in his log book, but her number was 61. She went all right, but her last depredation cost just \$300 worth of trawl gear and forced the craft to go to land to get more with which to continue the voyage.

#### Steam Trawlers Have Continuous Performance.

Capt. Nelson says that each of these steam trawlers has two of these trawls, and that they can dump them on deck in 10 minutes, and while one is being hauled the other is being lowered and put to work. There is not a let-up of a minute with them. He also says, contrary to other reports that they are all doing well and that there is no reason why they should not. The skippers do not know the fishing grounds themselves, but they know that the Yankees, Nova Scotiamen and French line trawlers do, and they keep close to them.

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watch where they set and then deliberately run their big bag trawl right over the fishing gear of these other crafts.

### Situation One of Great Seriousness.

It is about as Capt. Nelson says, a man cannot realize the seriousness of the situation unless he is right there and sees the bread and butter of hundreds taken right from their mouths by these French chaps who coolly spread their big bag trawls right over the lines the others have set and practically laughed at the protests.

He learned from one French line trawler, St. Pierre craft, that in three days a steam trawler had crossed and re-crossed their gear and taken every hook and line that 11 dories had put out, setting the whole string.

At St. Pierre, Miquelon, a French possession, whose fishermen and vessel owners are as much opposed to them as are New England, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland owners, men and skippers, he learned that last year, the St. Pierre folks had entered no less than 33 suits for damages and secured judgment in each case.

### Procedure Against French Crafts Would Be Costly.

Arriving at North Sydney, C. B., to replace his lost trawl gear, Capt. Nelson talked with Mr. Ingraham, well known here and one of the leading merchants of eastern Canada, regarding the case. That gentleman tried to find for him Hon. Mr. McKenzie, member of Parliament, but he was away. He learned, however, that nothing could be done here except to bring the case into the Admiralty courts, and to do this he would be obliged to place the expense of the case in the hands of the marshal of the Admiralty court before the case could be entered.

At North Sydney, C. B., where all the French steam trawlers coal and take supplies, they have a French agent, a slick, suave diplomat, well versed in diplomacy and the rights of his craft on the high seas and from whom little or no satisfaction can be obtained.

The captain says that over in St. Pierre, Miquelon, the feeling against the steam trawlers is very bitter, as the latter do not respect blood relationship, but make them suffer alike with the Yankees and others on the fishing banks. In short they respect nobody but do just as they please.

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### SKIPPERS HELD MACKEREL OVER.

As Result Dealers Raised Price to Sixteen Cents This Morning.

### Report Circulated That Exchange Had Made Deal With Dealers.

There is a little let-up in the onrush of arrivals of the mackerel catchers, as since last report but two have made their lines fast at T wharf, Boston. The feature of the mackerel situation is the holdup yesterday by the skippers of the mackerel catchers, who refused the 14-cent offer and stuck out for more, and got it, all getting more than that amount.

At the start, when the bell rang, yesterday morning, all the vessels were offered 14 cents per fish for their fare, and all promptly refused and some of the skippers told their gangs to take a walk and themselves headed up the wharf and went off. They had heard that the "exchange," which, to give it the credit due it, has been doing its work finely and protecting them on all their trips, had quietly entered into a deal with the dealers to pay 14 cents for the fish, and the exchange would pay the latter 16 for them. Of course this was absurd on the face of it, but it gained credence for a short time, the skippers losing sight of the fact that the exchange is a good thing and saving them lots of time and trouble and worry, and standing behind them in every trade made by the firms which are members of it. Along with this of course the skippers felt that they should get as much as the crafts did which were in on Monday. Therefore they stood aloof.

On the whole it seemed to be a well devised plan of the dealers to hold the crafts over until today, to allow the concerns to get rid of some very high priced fish they had on hand, and that the 14-cent offer was made with

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that idea. Of course, if any one bit at the 14-cent offer, the concerns were so much more to the good.

In the afternoon the dealers found that they needed more fish to fill their immediate orders, having cleaned up on their high priced goods.

Then they got out and raised the 14-cent bid and put out a 15-cent cry, by adding one cent to the offer. This looked good to some, and it really was all right, so some of the vessels sold, getting that figure right through, which was a not at all bad figure. Six of the captains still held out, however, and their judgment in thus holding on was confirmed, when the first bid they got this morning was 16 cents per fish, and they sold, satisfied.

The crafts that sold yesterday afternoon for the 15-cent offer were schs. Shenandoah, Indiana, Emily Cooney and Annie Greenlaw, the latter getting the price right through for bursted, mediums and all.

The crafts which held on and sold this morning at the 16-cent price were schs. Ingomar, Patrician, Arabia, Priscilla Smith, Georgia and Pontiac, and to them can be added the sch. Olga and steamer Bessie M. Dugan, which arrived later in the day.

### Increased Price Cost Vessels a Day's Lay Over.

While the action of the dealers seems to be a well devised one, and one for which they cannot be blamed, as it worked both to their own and the vessels' advantage, still it cost the crafts a day's time, for which the advance perhaps compensated. The concerns had goods they wanted to dispose of and as far as can be seen, they did not want that 70,000 bunch of fish on the Tuesday market. Their advance of the price this morning to 16 cents shows that they either were trying yesterday to get the fish too cheap or that they were figuring on cleaning up first on high priced goods that were laid over and then were willing to pay a good price for everything in sight. The 15-cent price of yesterday afternoon, gauged by previous performances, was all right, but this morning was even better. The dealers did well, but it cost some of the crafts a day's lay over.

The fare of salt bullseyes of sch. Pontiac sold to Lincoln & Willey, at Boston.

Schs. Ingomar, Patrician and Annie Greenlaw will bring their salt bullseyes here to market or take them out with them.

### News of the Fleet.

Sch. Olga will now haul out of seining and fit for dory handlining under command of Capt. John Burton and Capt. Daniel McKay of sch. Olga will fit sch. Rob Roy for seining.

Sch. James A. Garfield will fit for a North Bay hooking and setting round trip under command of Capt. Nathaniel Smith.

Schs. Squanto and Fannie E. Prescott were at Provincetown yesterday and landed a few fresh mackerel, the freezer paying 14 cents each for them.

The seines and seineboats which were saved from the wrecked sch. Hattie M. Graham were towed here yesterday from Boston.

### Leads in Largest Share.

Sch. Little Fannie, Capt. Charles Nelson has been one of the successful vessels this year. She was netting for six weeks off New York and Newport and stocked a good sum, and her men shared each \$200. The last two trips they have been seining and came to Boston last week with a trip of large mackerel. The vessel left T wharf last Friday and was back again yesterday. In her two trips as a seiner the crew have shared \$225, making their earnings for the season \$425 the biggest share of the season thus far in the mackerel business.

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### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. W. E. Morrissey was at Canso, N. S., on Saturday.

Sch. Oliver F. Kilham was at Liverpool, N. S., Saturday and cleared.

Sch. Onato was at North Sydney, C. B., Sunday and cleared.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan was at Portland Monday to fit out for fishing after having a gasoline engine installed at this port.

Sch. Mineola was at Portland Monday with 15,000 pounds of fresh fish.

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### Advance on Salt Rips Cod.

There was a big advance of salt Rips cod this morning.

Sch. Mina Swim at Boston, with 15,000 pounds each of fresh and salt cod, is coming here to take out and the fare sold to F. F. Smith & Co., the fresh bringing board of trade figures, while the salt cod at \$3.60 for large and \$2.25 for mediums, a raise of 20 cents on the large and 15 cents on the mediums.

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## EXTRA LARGE POLLOCK TRIP.

### Landed at This Port by Gasoline Launch Bessie A.

Arrivals at this port today are light. Sch. Juniata is here from Boston with some hake for the splitters, and the steamer Bryda F. brought in 80 barrels of fresh porgies.

Yesterday afternoon the salt banker Senator Gardner, Capt. Vincent Nelson, came in with a good fare of salt cod and the steamer Marchant had 3000 pounds of pollock. The little steamer Bessie A. had a load of pollock, 30,000 pounds. She was full and had her seine about full also.

This noon there were two more arrivals, sch. Arthur D. Story, from Georges via Portland, where he landed some halibut, and sch. Eglantine, Capt. Oscar Lyons, of the Rips fishing fleet, the latter with the monster fare of 80,000 pounds of salt cod, not only the largest fare in this line landed this season, but one of the largest fares ever landed in the history of the drift hand-line fishery.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Receipts.

Sch. Senator Gardner, salt banking, 250,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Juniata, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, via Boston.  
Sch. Grayling, Rips, 900 large fresh mackerel, 104 bbls. salt bullseye mackerel.  
Steamer Bryda F., shore, 80 bbls. fresh porgies.  
Steamer Bessie A., shore, 30,000 lbs. fresh pollock.  
Steamer Marchant, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh pollock.  
Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges via Portland, 5000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Eglantine, Rips, 80,000 lbs. salt cod.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Monarch, seining.  
Sch. Effie M. Prior, seining.  
Sch. Ralph L. Hall, seining.  
Sch. Georgiana, seining.  
Sch. Monitor, halibuting.  
Sch. Flirt, dory handlining.  
Sch. Lawrence Murdock, Georges.  
Sch. Arcadia, seining.  
Sch. Lizzie Maud, Rips.  
Sch. Thalia, Rips.

### Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.  
Cape North fresh cod, large, \$1.55; mediums, \$1.40.  
Outside sales fresh western cod, large \$2, market \$1.65; haddock 65c and 67½c.  
Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for medium.  
Outside sales trawl bank salt cod, large, \$2.87½; mediums, \$2.62½; snappers, \$1.50.  
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.12½ per cwt. for large and \$2.87½ for medium.  
Bank halibut, 6 cts. per pound right through.  
Fresh mackerel 14 cts. each.  
Salt "bullseye" mackerel, \$6.50 per bbl.  
Board of Trade prices:  
Large Western cod, \$2 per cwt.; markets, \$1.65.  
Large Eastern cod, \$1.70 per cwt., market, \$1.50.  
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.40 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.10.  
Large "halibut" cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snappers, \$1.75.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.70 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60c.; hake, 60c.  
Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.87 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$2.62 1-2; snappers, \$1.50.  
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium snappers, \$1.  
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.  
Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

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### Good Halibut Stock.

Sch. Mooween, Capt. Daniel McDonald, stocked \$3100 on her recent 61,000 pound halibut trip, the crew of 20 men sharing \$69.

## FLITCHED HALIBUT FLEET.

Schs. Oregon, Jennie B. Hodgdon and Massachusetts Spoken.

Capt. McDonald of the fresh halibut Mooween report speaking the flitched halibut schs. Oregon, Jennie B. Hodgdon and Massachusetts, on Baccalieu bank recently, in latitude 53.10. The Hodgdon had been in the ice some time before and damaged her stem.

Each of the craft had about 30,000 pounds of flitched halibut and there was no sign of ice where they were fishing. It looked as though the ice had all come down in a great bunch and passed along. Of course there was some ice still well in shore, but this would not bother the fleet. Sch. Mooween came through the straits of Belle Isle coming home and Capt. McDonald reports some ice off that section of Newfoundland. Sch. Mooween is one of the first craft of any kind to get through the straits since the ice pack formed last winter.

Capt. John McKay of the halibut Monitor reports no ice between latitude 48.30 and 51.50, the waters being clear of this most dangerous obstruction. He spoke sch. Preceptor of the fresh halibut fleet, but saw none of the flitched halibuters.

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Boston, or T wharf at least, has had enough ground fish this week, too much in fact, for this morning the vessels are getting a dollar a hundred weight for their haddock and find no sale at all for cod, cusk and hake. There will be several fares come here for the splitters.

Since last report, 13 fares of ground fish have arrived, half of them being Provincetown, with about six of cod and pollock, sch. Nettie Franklin being high with 47,000 pounds.

There are five more trips of swordfish in and the price took quite a drop, as the market is pretty well supplied.

Two more fresh mackerel trips came in late yesterday and held over to sell this morning as did six of the 10 in early yesterday morning. They gained by so doing as they got a raise.

Sch. Dictator, Capt. Fred Thompson, brought in a fine trip of fresh halibut and salt cod, but had not sold at 9 o'clock. The Teazer, which was in yesterday, laid over until this morning with her fare.

## Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 500 cod, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 1000 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. William A. Morse, 5000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sch. Mina Swim, 15,000 fresh cod, 15,000 salt cod.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 30,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 23,000 cod.

Sch. Dictator, 20,000 salt cod, 30,000 halibut.

Sch. Louisa R. Silva, 1500 haddock, 20,000 cod, 15,000 pollock.

Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 15,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 12,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 3000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 20,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 2000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Olga, 3200 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Florida, 77 swordfish.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 36 swordfish.

Sch. Vesta, 25 swordfish.

Sch. Cherokee, 23 swordfish.

Sch. Priscilla, 92 swordfish.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 2500 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 18,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Haddock, \$1; no sales other ground fish, market dull; swordfish, 7 1-2 to 8c per lb.; fresh mackerel 16 cts. each.

## Swordfishermen Doing Well.

The swordfishermen did well on their trips yesterday. Sch. Lafayette, Capt. George Peeples, stocked \$1500, the crew making the splendid share of \$116, about the best of the season in this fishery.

The new Portland sch. Topsail Girl, Capt. Doggett, is doing well.

On her first trip, Capt. Doggett stocked \$953, and this trip will bring him about \$1300. The crew shared \$61 on the first trip, and will get about \$95 for this one.

Sch. Mary E. Sennett stocked \$914 on her first trip, and will have about \$90, which, with the \$68 they received for the first trip, will make good pay for the 26 days they have been out and his men were feeling happy.

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## MACKEREL OUTLOOK A POOR ONE.

## Nothing But Bullseyes Located Except on the Rips.

## Fish Commission Sch. Grampus Has Made Exhaustive Search.

There is practically nothing new in the mackerel situation. The incoming seiners do not seem to think much of the outlook. They say what fish there are are on the Rips and that none are reported elsewhere, outside of bullseyes, of which there are numerous large schools at South Shoal and on Georges.

These latter fish they do not like to catch if there are large or medium fish to be taken, but at a price nearly \$7 per barrel salted, as they are now, they agree it would pay to catch and salt them, although it entails much work. As they look at it, it would be better than nothing, and from what they have heard, the Boston firms, many of them, are looking for just this kind of goods. The fish, salted, run about 500 to the barrel and they are getting a little larger all the time. They are quite fat and make fine eating.

The fare of salt bullseyes of sch. Ingomar sold to Lincoln & Willey, at Boston, the price reported being \$6.85 per barrel.

Sch. Rex of this port landed 3000 large fresh mackerel at Provincetown Tuesday.

## How T Wharf Dealers Tried to Juggle Prices.

The T wharf dealers seem to be acting very queerly indeed with the vessels bringing in fare of fresh mackerel. On Tuesday they only offered 14 cents apiece for the large, four pound, fish brought in, and made the vessels hang over another day, losing a whole day's fishing just to accommodate their whim, for they turned around yesterday morning and paid 16 cents for the fish, which were then a day older.

But here comes the funny part. When Capts. Corkum and Farmer of schs. Priscilla Smith and Patrician came up from here and got to the wharf, before 9 o'clock, they tried to get their fares for 15 cents per fish, although they had paid the others 16 cents. It did not go with Capt. Corkum, or Capt. Farmer either. The dealers held out, and made no higher bid, so Capt. Corkum got under way in the Smith and headed for Gloucester, and no sooner did the dealers find this out than they fell all over themselves in getting to Capt. Farmer and offering him 16 cents for his mackerel, thus giving away the whole situation—that they expected to get both fares at 15 cents and did not think that either skipper could work out of the situation.

Capt. Corkum brought sch. Priscilla Smith here and this morning sold the trip to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co. at 15 cents per fish, Manager Livingstone, as usual, being willing to do all he could. Capt. Corkum did just right in standing up in his boots and not being bluffed. May there be more like him before the season is over.

The situation is a complex one, at T wharf at least. On Monday, the dealers there took in the trips of large four pound fresh mackerel, and there were about 100,000 fish in the lot, at 15½ cents each, which was a nice fair price but not too much when the price of haddock and cod are considered, and everybody was satisfied. The ways of the fresh fish business are past finding out—to the layman at least.

## THREW BAIT OFF MONTAUK.

Boats Alice and Clara T. Made Good Hauls of Mackerel.

A letter to the Times yesterday from its regular correspondent at Newport, R. I., who is always wide awake on the mackerel situation states that the little schs. Clara T. and Alice arrived there on Tuesday with 480 and 347 fresh mackerel respectively. The fish were taken off Montauk Point and were secured by throwing bait and setting around the vessel. The fish weighed about three pounds each and were in good shape. Both Capts. Luth and Monson say that the outlook for boats and small schooners with small seines looks mighty good out there at present. Usually the season for throwing bait, hooking and setting around out that way does not start much before the latter part of August, but the work of these two boats show that the fish are there and can be caught.

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Our Newport correspondent says that it looks as though there was some good money coming to the small craft which would engage in this line of fishing at present with a small seine, as the mackerel are of fine marketable size and just what are wanted.

## SCH. GRAMPUS CRUISED SOUTH. But Failed to Locate Any Signs of Mackerel.

The United States fish commission sch. Grampus, engaged in mackerel research work, under the direction of Capt. Jerry E. Cook of this port, was at Newport, R. I., for harbor on Tuesday, Capt. Cook has been over a lot of ground to the southward, clear of where the seiners have been operating, in the hope of locating the main body of the mackerel school, but found no signs of fish.

Capt. Cook reports that after leaving here, the Grampus passed out through South Channel to the South Shoal lightship, and then worked to the westward off and on the edge of the fishing ground, and then in to Shinnecock light.

On the night of July 10, ten nets were set at midnight and no mackerel were found in them, but 170 butter fish and two bonitas were taken out. At daylight in the morning, the nets were hauled and 70 butter fish and five bonitas were taken.

The weather since the Grampus left here has been fine and Capt. Cook has kept busy on the masthead. On Monday the Grampus was in latitude 40.24 and longitude 71.40 and all the ground in that vicinity was thoroughly cruised over, but it was a pretty dry look. On Tuesday it blew fresh from the southwest, and the craft, after jogging off Block Island, made Newport.

From the report of the Grampus, it would seem that there are few if any mackerel now schooling to the westward on the Rips and South Shoal lightship.

## Sch. Mary E. Harty at Boston with 10,000 Large Fresh Mackerel.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Rueben Cameron, arrived at T wharf this noon with 10,000 large fresh mackerel. The fare is unsold at the time of going to press.

Capt. Cameron is high line of the fleet at the present time and this fare will still further increase his lead.

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## SEEKS PROHIBITION OF STEAM TRAWLING.

## Senator Lodge Wants International Convention to Take Action.

## Would Forbid Their Use on North Atlantic Fishing Banks.

Senator Lodge has set the ball rolling looking to an international agreement for the prohibition of steam trawling on the North Atlantic banks on this side of the ocean. The senator is quoted as saying that he believes an agreement of this nature would save the fishing grounds and do away with all friction between the fleets on the banks.

A Washington dispatch says: "Senator Lodge had a conference Wednesday with Sec. of State Knox regarding fishing off the Newfoundland coast. The senator complained of the practice of French fishing vessels in using steam beam trawlers.

This practice has resulted in numerous clashes between French, Canadian and American fishermen. The Canadians and Americans charge that the French system of fishing has driven the fish from their usual grounds and that, if continued, it will have the same effect in Newfoundland waters.

"Senator Lodge suggested that an international convention be entered into between the French, British and American governments preventing the use of the steam beam trawl in the North American fishing grounds.

"This is one of the questions touching fishing rights which has never been settled. Senator Lodge believes that if his suggestion is followed there will be no further trouble. The state department has taken the matter under consideration."

That Senator Lodge has interested himself in the matter is a guarantee that it will be brought to official attention of the United States govern-